

Sam^r May jr

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Boston, April 17, 1853.

My dear Sir,

We were glad to hear, by a letter from Charlotte to Abby, (rec^d yesterday) that your wife was improving in health, though we could wish her gain more rapid. We were glad, too, to hear of your new church & its dedication.

I have been intending, for a fortnight, to write to you, - to urge your attending the Annual Meetg of the American A. S. Society at New York. I dare say it will be hard and inconvenient for you to leave home, but, if not impossible, I hope you will do so, & be at New York on Tuesday Morng, May 10th. On that day we are to hold a meeting of consultation among the Officers and friends of the Society, and it may be of the greatest importance with reference to the Public Anniversary on the day following. Your presence

and counsels will be very desirable.
And we wish you could stir up
some others, of your City and Section,
to accompany you to N. Y. — I
hope too that arrangements may be
made for an Autumnal Meeting
at Syracuse, inasmuch as the
Annual Meeting is not held there;
and I have no doubt such a meeting
may be arranged, if you are there
to advocate it. — But, mainly
for the old Society's sake, & for the
sake of the cause, it is exceedingly
important that we have a good
representation of all parts of the
Country — or of the Free States at least —
and that there should be no lack
of zeal & interest on the part of
any of our friends. Theo. Parker
intends to go and to speak, tho'
he refuses (as always) to let
his name be published. — Rev. Dr.
Furness — like a true & noble man
as he is — has also consented to

Speak. We also invite Gerritt Smith, & Henry Ward Beecher, though we do not look for acceptance of our invitation exactly. We should be much pleased to have you also write to G. Smith; you may feel fully authorised to speak in behalf of the Exec.^{ty} Comtee.

C. L. Remond took some "Liberty Bells" for you, which have long been waiting an oppⁿ. to go to Syracuse. He went on Wednesday last, to attend the Cincinnati Convention. - W. L. Garrison started on Friday for same destination, expecting to push thro' without stopping. He is to lecture in Ohio, Michigan, &c. - I sent you one of our Annual Reports some time since.

Father is as well - with the exception of stiffness of the left arm & some soreness of the left hand -

as he was before his accident. This is very remarkable, I think, for so old a man, and after so bad a hurt. He very narrowly escaped with his life. -

We have very recently seen Mrs. Alcott & daughters. ^{They were all well.} Of course you know of Saml Greele's return. He is quite thin, & not yet free from his asthma, but he seems to be in good spirits; - and I hope he has many good & prosperous days in store.

My wife has been, for the last 6 weeks, a victim of dyspepsia - a very common spring complaint with her - but is now somewhat better.

With much love to Cousin Lucretia, to Charlotte, to John, Joseph, and that other boy, & indeed to all your family, I am affectionately Yrs
Sam^l May, Jr